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SUBJ: NKOMO SETTLEMENT TERMS REVEALED

REFS: LUSAKA 383 (NOTAL, MBABANE 202 (NOTAL)

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS FEB 17 THAT MUZOREWA FACTION
OF ANC ISSUED STATEMENT IN SALISBURY PREVIOUS DAY ACCUSING
NKOMO OF HAVING SIGNED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SMITH
INVOLVING FRANCHISE BASED ON THREE VOTERS ROLLS. MUZOREWA
FACTION SPOKESMAN MAX CHIGWIDA SAID THAT NKOMO HAD PROPOSED
PARLIAMENT TO CONSIST OF 144 MEMBERS TO BE COMPOSED OF 36
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BLACK MPS, 36 WHITE MPS AND 72 OTHERS ELECTED ON A QUALIFIED

FRANCHISE ROLL. CHIGWIDA SAID THAT PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT WOULD GUARANTEE A MAJORITY TO BLACKS BUT DISMISSED IT AS A "SELLOUT" AND NOTED THAT AFRICANS HAD ALREADY REJECTED QUALITATIVE VOTERS ROLLS AT TIME OF PEARCE COMMISSION. PRESS STATES THAT AN NKOMO ANC SPOKESMAN BRANDED CHIGWIDA'S STATEMENT A FIGMENT OF "A DISEASED IMAGINATION". END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: MUZOREWA ANC FACTION SEEEMS TO BE ONLY GROUP SUSTAINING (PESSIMISTICALLY IN THEIR CASE) POSSIBILITY OF SMITH-NKOMO AGREEMENT AS OTHER OBSERVERS GROW MORE DOUBTFUL AND DESPONDENT (LUSAKA 383) AS EACH DAY PASSES. DESPITE CLAIM OF DISEASED IMAGINATION, HOWEVER, REVELATION OF NKOMO'S ENVISIONED 144 SEAT PARLIAMENT WITH 36, 36, 72 BREAKDOWN RINGS REMARKABLY TRUE AND SEEMS IDENTICAL TO NKOMO PROPOSITION WHICH HIS REPRESENTATIVES RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH SWAZILAND OFFICIALS (MBABANE 202).
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